AT an Extraordinary Court held at Guildhall the 10th Day of June, 1784----

It was Reſolved, That the following PETITION be forthwith forwarded to *London*, to be delivered to the Repreſentatives of this City in Parliament, to be by them preſented to the Honourable the Houſe of Commons.

To the Honourable the COMMONS *of* GREAT BRITAIN, *in* Parliament aſſembled.

The Humble PETITION *of the* Governor, Deputy Governor, Aſſiſtants *and* Guardians *of the* Poor *of the* City *and* County *of* EXON, *under their Common Seal*-----SHEWETH,

THAT whereas by an Act, paſſed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of King *William* the Third, your Petitioners were incorporated, for the better maintaining the Poor of the City and County of EXON, with Power to raiſe a certain annual Sum for that Purpoſe——And whereas your Petitioners were by another Act, paſſed in the Thirty-firſt Year of King *George* the Second, impowered to raiſe a certain Sum to diſcharge a then incurred Debt——And whereas your Petitioners were by another Act of Parliament, paſſed in the Fourteenth Year of his preſent Majeſty, impowered to raiſe a certain Sum for diſcharge of a Debt then due and owing, and alſo to raiſe an additional annual Income for the ſeveral Purpoſes therein mentioned ——And whereas, by the great Increaſe of the Poor of the ſaid City and County of *Exon*, by the great Increaſe of the Price of Proviſions, and by the Expences incurred by the imbodying the Militia, your Petitioners have been obliged to contract a Debt of Four Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds and upwards, which they are incapable to diſcharge, and for the ſaid Cauſes are rendered quite incapable of anſwering the Purpoſes of the Acts above-mentioned:———

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to this Honourable Houſe, enabling them to raiſe Money for Payment and Diſcharge of their Debt, and alſo to raiſe ſuch further Sum for the more effectual Support of the Poor of the ſaid City, as this Honourable Houſe in their great Wiſdom ſhall think proper.

And your Petitioners ſhall ever pray.

Reſolved, That it is the Meaning and Intention of this Corporation, not to apply to Parliament for any Increaſe of their Powers, or any Increaſe of the preſent Annual Income of £.3,300 for the Maintenance of the Poor.

That the above Reſolutions, with a Copy of the Petition, be bliſhed.

By Order of Court,

JOSEPH BURROW, CLERK.

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